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August 19, 2011

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Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Stewartstown Railroad Company - Adverse Abandonment - In York County, PA, STB Docket No. AB-1071

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing as Municipal Secretary of Shrewsbury Township, which is a portion of the Stewartstown Railroad transverses.

Although not taking a position on the merits of this abandonment filing, Shrewsbury Township joins in the request of the York County Rail Trail Authority, conveyed to you by letter dated July 19, 2011, for railbanking of Stewartstown Railroad between Stewartstown and New Freedom, PA rather than an outright abandonment.

In the event that the Surface Transportation Board rules in favor of an abandonment of the rail line, Shrewsbury Township requests that the Board also rules to place a public use condition upon the abandonment. We understand that such rulings would offer the York County Rail Trail Authority and the Stewartstown Railroad an opportunity to negotiate a sale of the rail corridor that would permit interim trail use while preserving the corridor for future reactivation of rail service.

Our support places paramount importance on the preservation of the rail corridor, while accepting an interim use of the corridor as a trail for non-motorized transportation and recreation. We also acknowlege that the railroad corridor is suitable for railbanking, and that the York County Rail Trail Authority is able to meet the obligations under the federal guidelines established for railbanking.

Again, Shrewsbury Township concurs and joins with the request of the York County Rail Trail Authority as set out in their July 19, 2011 letter to you.

Sincerely,

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Office of Proceedings

Jodi L. Grove Municipal Secretary AUG 2 3 2011

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c: Stewartstown Railroad

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!, Jodi L. Grove, Municipal Secretary for Shrewsbury Township, do hereby certify that the letter dated August 19, 2011 includes the service list attached.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Township this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2011.

Municipal Secretary



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